

Please make the following amendment:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 59 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) A pointing device comprising:

- an interface for operably communicating with an electronic system;
- a position sensor, responsive to user movement thereof, for conveying positional information by way of said interface to the electronic system;
- a user-depressible button for conveying selection information by way of said interface to the electronic system;
- a biometric sensor disposed at a location such that when operating said pointing device in a normal manner a user's hand rests naturally in a position to place a finger of the user's hand in proximity to and readable by said biometric sensor; and
- a verification system for operably communicating with the electronic system, the verification system comprising a user storage, an authorization profile storage, and an audit log storage, the audit log storage being configured to store:
- (a) user identification information from said biometric sensor in response to a denial of access to said electronic system; and
 - (b) user identification information from said biometric sensor and attempted transaction information in response to a denial of access to perform a specific transaction within said electronic system.

61. (Amended) A pointing device comprising:

- an interface for operably communicating with an electronic system;
- a position sensor, responsive to user movement thereof, for conveying positional information by way of said interface to the electronic system;
- a user-depressible button for conveying selection information by way of said interface to the electronic system;